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Dear Clark County resident,

Health emergencies, just like natural disasters, can happen with little or no warning. That's why it's important for you and your family to join us in planning for them in advance.

Clark County Public Health has been working with community partners to prepare for the possibility of a worldwide (pandemic) flu. Health officials are concerned that a pandemic flu could happen if the H5N1 bird flu becomes a disease that people can easily catch from each other.

Although this type of bird flu has not reached North America and is currently not easily spread from person to person, we want to be prepared in case that changes, or another very contagious type of flu develops. A pandemic flu could spread illness and death on a much larger scale than regular seasonal flu. Widespread illness could disrupt personal lives, businesses, schools, and other public services.

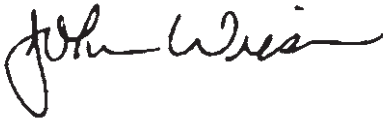
You and your family are among our most important partners. Every action you take to plan for a health-related emergency will help us all be more prepared. Your planning will also help prepare you for an earthquake, volcanic eruption, flood, winter storm, or other disaster. Here are some steps you can take:

- Read your *Pandemic Flu Planning – Checklist for Individuals and Families*, enclosed.
- Visit our Web site: www.clark.wa.gov/health for more information.
- Start preparing yourself, your family, and your home.

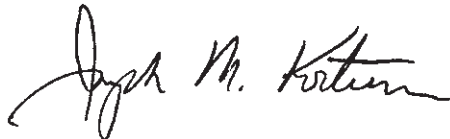
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Remember, your planning efforts will help all of us. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Clark County Public Health at (360) 397-8000.

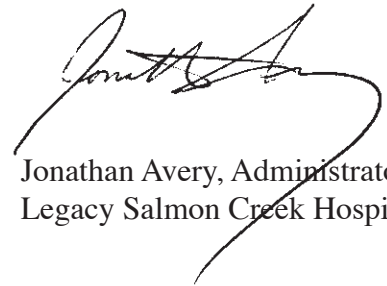
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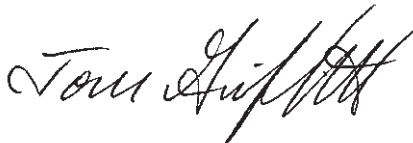
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